

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 177**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Yamada and Chesbro**

June 24, 2010

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 177—Relative to the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 177, as introduced, Yamada. 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This measure would recognize July 26, 2010, as the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and recommit the Legislature to efforts to reach full compliance with that act.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On July 26, 1990, President George H. Bush signed  
2 into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the  
3 civil rights of persons with disabilities. This legislation established  
4 a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination  
5 of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and  
6 WHEREAS, The ADA is the most comprehensive civil rights  
7 bill in history for persons with disabilities; and  
8 WHEREAS, The ADA guarantees equal opportunity and access  
9 for disabled Americans in public and private sector services,  
10 employment, and telecommunications; and  
11 WHEREAS, The “integration mandate” of the ADA, which  
12 requires public agencies to provide services in the most integrated  
13 setting appropriate to the needs of qualified individuals with  
14 disabilities, was upheld by the United States Supreme Court in the

1 case of *Olmstead v. L.C. ex. rel. Zimring* (1999) 527 U.S. 581  
2 (*Olmstead decision*); and

3 WHEREAS, California's In-Home Supportive Services program,  
4 which allows over 430,000 low-income disabled senior and blind  
5 Californians to stay safely in their homes and avoid unnecessary,  
6 expensive, and unwanted institutionalization, is a nationally  
7 recognized program and is the foundation of California's efforts  
8 to comply with the *Olmstead decision*; and

9 WHEREAS, The ADA has expanded opportunities for  
10 Californians with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing  
11 perceptions, and increasing their participation in community life.  
12 However, the full promise of ADA will only be reached if public  
13 entities remain committed in their efforts to fully implement the  
14 ADA; and

15 WHEREAS, The State of California is enriched by the diversity  
16 and accomplishments of its citizens with disabilities; and

17 WHEREAS, The 20th anniversary of the ADA is a milestone  
18 worthy of acknowledgment and celebration; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes July 26, 2010,  
21 as the 20th anniversary of the landmark Americans with Disabilities  
22 Act, that California's In-Home Supportive Services program is  
23 the cornerstone of California's compliance with that act, and that  
24 progress has been made to comply with the act, reaffirming the  
25 principles of equality and inclusion set forth in that act; and be it  
26 further

27 *Resolved*, That the Legislature, in recognition of the 20th  
28 anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, recommits its  
29 efforts to reach full compliance with that act; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
31 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.